

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 123; NAY on Roll Call No. 124; YEA on Roll Call No. 125; NAY on Roll Call No. 126; YEA on Roll Call No. 127; NAY on Roll Call No. 128; and NAY on Roll Call No. 129.

HONORING PLEASANT GREEN
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church (PGBC), located at 505 East College Street, shepherded by Reverend Darrel McQuirter, as they celebrate 150 years of religious service in the Clinton, MS community.

On June 28, 1852, the First Baptist Church of Clinton was incorporated, ending that first year with fifty-six members, twenty-eight Whites and twenty-eight Blacks. For the first eight years, the congregation worshipped together on the Mississippi College campus in Clinton, MS. After the campus chapel was built in 1860, Blacks were allowed to worship independently in the chapel basement. Led by Mississippi College Professor Reverend T.A. Parrish and college president Walter Hillman, in 1867 a Sunday School was formed for the Black congregants. Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church was established in 1870 under the leadership of Reverend Dunbar, who was associated with Mississippi College. The college allowed Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church (PGBC) to meet on the Robinson's Athletic Field until property was purchased and a wood frame structure was built, incorporating stained glass windows at what is now 505 East College Street. As time progressed, a brick building with modern amenities was erected.

Currently, Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church (PGBC), acknowledges the struggles and accomplishments of the spirit-filled and faithful people and events of the past that have made a bright future for the current members. Now, the church's legacy continues, ever growing and building, while striving to keep all plans within God's will and reaching out to all people.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church (PGBC), as they celebrate 150 years of service.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF PROFESSOR JEROME A. COHEN

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Professor Jerome Alan Cohen, the Founder and Faculty Director Emeritus of the U.S.-Asia Law Institute of the New York University School of Law. Professor Jerry Cohen is a true champion of human rights and the rule of law in China and today

he is celebrating his 90th birthday with his family and friends.

Professor Cohen is one of the foremost experts in Chinese law and government and he also serves as a Senior Fellow for Asia Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. He has provided sage advice and wise counsel to international leaders, U.S. government officials, and Members of Congress throughout his illustrious career including in testimony to the Congressional-Executive Commission on China.

Professor Cohen's extraordinary career on China began in the 1950s when he traveled to Hong Kong to interview with refugees and publish a book on Chinese criminal procedure. In the 1960s he created the East Asia Legal Studies Association at Harvard School of Law and was influential in securing the release of John T. Downey, a former classmate who had been held in a Chinese prison. In the following years he met with Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai and accompanied Senator Ted Kennedy to Beijing to meet with Deng Xiaoping.

Throughout the 1990s, Professor Cohen lived and worked in mainland China. After the Tiananmen Square protests, he established the U.S.-Asia Law Institute at New York University School of Law, dedicated to facilitating the development of the rule of law throughout Asia. As a strong advocate for human rights, Professor Cohen led the way supporting political prisoners in China and helped secure the release of Song Yongyi and Chen Guangcheng. His former students include Taiwanese president, Ma Ying-jeou, and Annette Lu, former Taiwanese vice president under Chen Shui-bian.

Professor Jerry Cohen has not only participated in the history of U.S.-China relations, he has shaped it. All those to advocate for human rights and the rule of law in China owe him a great debt of gratitude. Thank you, Professor Cohen for your exemplary service for humanity.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROSS SPANO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mr. SPANO. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 122; YEA on Roll Call No. 121; and NAY on Roll Call No. 120.

IN MEMORY OF ANN VARNUM

HON. MARTHA ROBY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the honorable life and work of a beloved Alabamian, Mrs. Ann Varnum. Mrs. Varnum passed away on Wednesday, June 10, 2020, after a full life of 80 years. A Dothan native, local media personality, and friend to many, Mrs. Varnum will be dearly missed.

Ann Varnum was born in Dothan on January 15, 1940, to the late Elizabeth and J.P. Jones. Mrs. Varnum attended and graduated from Huntington College and Auburn Univer-

sity with a degree in English. Following graduation, she began a career in teaching before getting her big break at Dothan's WTVY television station.

Mrs. Varnum devoted nearly 50 years to WTVY, working her way into the hearts of Alabamians through her dedication to the community, charming personality, and devotion to God. She is best remembered for hosting the station's morning show, beginning in 1974 until the late 1990s.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Mrs. Ann Varnum. Her life was one of service, grace, and love for her family and community. She will be greatly missed by all whom she encountered, and her remarkable legacy will be remembered for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE GRAND
OPENING OF ALDERWISH CPA,
PLLC

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the grand opening of the new Alderwish CPA, PLLC office in Dearborn, Michigan.

Alderwish CPA, PLLC was formed by Ngeeb Alderwish, CPA in September 2008. In the years since, the company has been dedicated to providing a variety of quality tax and accounting services to people across Michigan. With a strong focus on community, Alderwish CPA strives to cultivate attentive and meaningful relationships with all clients to develop solutions that fit their unique personal and professional needs. Alderwish CPA is committed to the philosophy of building relationships one client at a time, and their promise of excellence is backed by years of experience in the financial sector.

Throughout the community, Alderwish CPA is recognized as an exemplary institution. Under the leadership of Ngeeb Alderwish, the team of Alderwish CPA is composed of diligent, transparent, and honest tax professionals who are consistently commended for their knowledge and great expertise. The team goes above and beyond expectations and tirelessly works to support clients in all capacities. Without a doubt, Alderwish CPA has dedicated themselves to uplifting families and businesses throughout Dearborn and Detroit. Their services have assisted countless institutions across the community navigate complex tax and financial matters and have helped clients move forward with financial clarity and reassurance. Their continued work makes a difference.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the grand opening of Alderwish CPA, PLLC in its new Dearborn office. Alderwish CPA has become an invaluable resource for businesses and families across Dearborn and Detroit, and I am grateful for their work in supporting our local businesses. We wish them the best of luck in their new office location and continued success in the years ahead.